

TIMING LIMITATION STIPULATION

No surface use is allowed within a one mile buffer around wolf dens or rendezvous sites from April 15 to June 30 in the Northwest Montana Recovery Area.

This stipulation does not apply to the operation and maintenance of production facilities unless the findings of analysis demonstrate the continued need for such mitigation and that less stringent, project-specific mitigation measures would be insufficient.

On the lands described below:

For the purpose of:

To preclude surface disturbing activities in wolf denning or rendezvous areas in the former Northwest Montana Recovery Area which could cause increased stress and/or displacement of animals during the critical time period (April 15 to June 30).

Any changes to this stipulation will be made in accordance with the land use plan and/or the regulatory provisions for such changes.

Exception: An exception may be granted if it is determined that the animals have moved out of and are not using the general area during the particular year.

Modification: A modification to the stipulation may be granted if new habitat studies show that a portion of the area is not used by wolves for denning or for rendezvous sites.

Waiver: A waiver may be granted if new habitat studies, in coordination with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, conclude that the area affected by this stipulation is not critical for wolf denning or for rendezvous sites.

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